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MINOR MENTION.

N. Y. Plumbing Co.
Council Bluffs Lumber Co. Coal
Cream chocolates at Driesbach's today.
Frank J. Hoefner and Christina Shmame,
both of Omaha, were married yesterday by
Justice Fox.

The lecture room and reading room of the
Young Men's Christian association are being
nicely repaired.
Regular communication of Bluff City
Lodge No. 71, Ancient, Free and Accepted
Masons, this evening. Also work in the
degree of all. Master invited. By
order of worshipful master.

Tomorrow has been set apart as flag day
by resolution of the Grand Army of Iowa.
Flags will be unfurled to their proper place
in the school houses and public buildings all
over the city in honor of Washington's birth-
day.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Schmidt had two children
born about ten days ago. One of the
twins died when about a week old and the
other followed on Sunday. The funeral
took place yesterday forenoon from the
family residence, 224 South Sixth street.
R. C. Williams and Ed Morgel, who live
near the driving park, were fined \$10 each
for parking their horses with sticks of coal
in their harnesses. They were also threatened with an ex-
trajudicial dose if they repeated the offense.

There are six men in the city jail serving
sentences and living in the same place.
Land. The streets are in bad condition,
and the suggestion is made by some of the people
interested that they might be given some
much needed exercise with the shovel and
hoe.

One of B. S. Torvillier's stable hands
was thrown from a buggy yesterday after-
noon while driving across the motor line
the corner of Broadway and Main street.
The horse caught its foot in a projection of
the track and jumped, throwing him out
and kicking him in the head as he fell. He
was not seriously hurt.

Amelia J. Roberson commenced a suit
yesterday for a divorce from her husband,
L. L. Roberson. Her husband and she
were married in Atlantic in 1880, and
lived together until last May. She alleges
infidelity on his part as the ground for a
divorce, and asks for the custody of their
two children, H. E. and L. E.

The Evangelical Lutheran church of
Council Bluffs commenced a suit in the
superior court yesterday to quiet the title to
a lot in Hager's first addition. The petition
alleges that the church organization was de-
feated by the property of the will of Fred-
erick Witte. The heirs of John Schneider,
and Henry F. Plumer are named as the de-
fendants.

The meetings at the First Baptist church
are increasing in interest every night and
many are being converted. Evangelist
Thompson preaches the scriptures with great
power. Sunday evening many were unable
to gain admittance to the church. Last
evening there was a large attendance. Tonight
several will be admitted to the church by
baptism. Mr. Dimmock will lead the song
service tonight and the next evening. In-
dications point to a great revival in this
church.

Pat Moran was arrested yesterday on the
charges of assault and battery and distur-
bing the peace. C. A. Stout presented him-
self at the office of the city clerk with his
face ornamented with little lumps that
looked as though they might have been
made by a pair of horny fists, and filed
the information. Moran claims that on Sun-
day Stout followed him to the street, ap-
plying vile epithets to him, and he finally
convinced him of the error of his ways by
dropping his fist casually in the vicinity of
Stout's mouth that was doing the talking.
Stout's strength was not equal to the emer-
gency, and he now proposes to make Mr.
Moran explain why he did it.

Securing Quarters for the Fair.

T. J. Evans has returned from Chi-
cago, where he has been managing the
quarters for himself and family during the
exposition. He had availed himself of
the fortunate presence in Council
Bluffs of Mr. J. T. Chynoweth, and
through him secured some private apart-
ments. Mr. Evans now comes back
enthusiastic over the temporary
quarters which are so loudly advertised.
"I believe there'll be lots of back-
sliders," he said, "before the fair is
over, as so many cheap structures
are soliciting patronage under the
title of Christiana's organization. To
my mind many of them are more
fire traps, the rooms with low ceilings,
partitioned off like stalls in a barn, with
no roominess or comfort. To try to rest
in these boxes, while the crowds are
in and out all day long, will not be very
successful. Of all the locations which I
looked at the most desirable is that
south of Jackson park. It is in this
district that the residences and flats
represented by Mr. Chynoweth are
located. The district is rural, sparsely
settled, covered with oak trees, making
a beautiful park in fact, away from
noise, dust and crowds, and yet within
three minutes ride of the transportation
terminal. That part of the city is my preference
by great odds."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPH.

Mrs. F. M. Gault has gone east for a visit.
Smith McPherson of Red Oak is in the
city.

P. P. Kelly of Glenwood was in the city
yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sapp have returned
from a trip to Denver.

Mr. F. B. Beckett, connected with the Ben
Hur company, has returned to Council
Bluffs and will make it his headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Scanlan, Mrs. J. L.
Smith and C. S. Spencer of Mizpah temple
No. 4 of this city will be visiting to in-
stitute a lodge of the Pythian Sisters.

Another Chance.

The special sale of coats, blankets,
comforters and underwear, which was
announced for Saturday and Monday at
the Boston store, has been extended
until next Saturday. The goods are so
cheap that it is impossible to dispose of all
the winter goods in the time first determined
upon, and those who did not take advan-
tage of the extraordinary bargains will
have another chance till Saturday
night at the Boston store.

Finest Aristo cabinet grates, \$2 per
doz. Finest studio, 18 N. Main street.

Ask Heavy Damages.

J. M. Murphy, one of the members of the
police department, and Charles Clair, who
formerly a member are being sued in the
district court for false imprisonment.
Nicholas Engle is the plaintiff. Engle was
arrested on the charge of drunkenness some
time ago, and on trial before Justice Swear-
ingen, who was then acting police judge,
was fined. Engle then commenced a suit
to collect \$10,000 damages against the two
men, together with their bondsmen, John
Beno, Thomas Bowman, Theodore Guittan
and F. H. Guanelia. The jury was empan-
eled yesterday forenoon, after which an
adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock in
the evening in order that the plaintiff might
be present.

Coal and wood: best and cheapest
Missouri hard wood in the city; prompt
delivery. H. A. Cox, No. 4 Main.

Bourgeois finds out that Stutsman
Street is all right for the piano business,
just look at his new signs.

Stop at the Ogden, Council Bluffs, the
best \$2.00 house in Iowa.

Coke, coal, wood, 37 Main.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

**Chairman Wells of the School Board Finance
Committee Explains**

WHY THE RECENT LEVY WAS NOT MADE

**Too Many Thousands of the People's Money
Now Lying Idle in Favored Banking
Institutions—Interesting Ses-
sion of the Council.**

The school board held its regular monthly
meeting last evening with all the members
present and President Waite in the chair.
According to expectations, the audience was
as large as the room could accommodate con-
veniently, and chairs were ranged for fifteen
feet outside the door in the hall for those
who could not get inside.

The first item of business took place, as
usual, when the minutes of the last meeting
were read. A resolution with reference to
Member Wells' missing report on the school
book debt had been presented by Wells at
the previous meeting, but no record of it
appeared in the minutes. The same argu-
ment ensued as of old, excepting that
Stacy had posted himself up on ordinance
rules and pulled a copy of Cushing's manual
on Wells when the latter insisted that a
resolution did not need a second in order to
be spread on the minutes. Wells knew bet-
ter, but was unable to point to any rule in
the manual that sustained his position. The
motion to adopt the minutes was finally
passed by the five republican mem-
bers, whereupon President Waite de-
clared it carried.

"I don't have to," replied Waite.
"Put the negative, Mr. President," reiter-
ated Wells.
"Shan't do it," was the reply.
"Mr. Secretary, record me as voting no,"
said Wells.
"Oh, well, that's all right," said the presi-
dent; "yes, we'll do that."

The report of Chairman Wells of the
finance committee, which was demanded by
the board at its last meeting, as to why he
had neglected to see that the necessary pre-
liminaries were gone through with for mak-
ing the school tax levy, was the next ripple
on the surface.

The report was a long one, taking a quar-
ter of an hour or more in the reading, during
which Wells frequently took occasion to cor-
rect the oratorical efforts of Secretary
Clark. The resolution which ordered him to
make this report, he said, was misleading in
that it conveyed the impression that it was
incumbent upon him to notify the board that
the line for making the levy was at hand,
and that he should probably be needed.
The law recognized no such office as
chairman of the finance committee, or any
other for that matter, excepting that of presi-
dent, and as the board had no authority to
ignore the law or a desire to shift the
blame from the place it rightly belonged to.

It was the business of the president to
keep track of all unexpired business, and
which head he considered the ordering of
the tax levy. The bulk of the whole occu-
pied is contained in the following two para-
graphs from the report:

Cause of Corruption.

"I am free to say, as giving a reason why
I did not call attention of the board to the
matter, that I did not think it to the interest
of the people or necessary for the schools
that the estimate which had been made
should go to the County Board of
Supervisors for a levy. I did not pro-
pose saying anything of the kind, but to the
board, because I thought it not necessary
to take the time of the board or annoy the
people, but since this resolution positively
demanded that I should say, I am sorry
that from the time I first became a member
of the board about three years ago, and be-
gan to look into school matters, it has ap-
peared to me that it was not right that there
should be carried in the school treasury a
sum ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000, as has
been the case. It is a fact that the checks
of every good man in the school dis-
trict tangle with shame that the large
balance carried by the school
board has had a tendency to corruption and
"boodism." It has created strife
among the people, for reasons that unscrupu-
lous parties connected with banks have been
guilty of spending large amounts of money
simply to enable them to control this fund.
It is known that thousands of dollars have
been spent for the purpose of corrupting vot-
ers. This large balance in the school treas-
ury has frequently prevented good men from
taking positions as members of this board,
the position of treasurer of school
fund, because the question with those who
were attempting to get control of the fund
was not whether a candidate had the neces-
sary qualifications and would be a straight-
forward man and one to be relied upon in
the position, but whether he would be one
who could be used for corrupt purposes.

"The fact that the money was entirely
unnecessary that such funds should be
carried, and it occurred to me that it was
proper that the money should be retained
by the people rather than be carried and
used by the banks; and the fact that we
now have in the treasury the sum of \$48,000,
which with the amount which has been re-
ceived from the state apportionment, from
fines and other sources, will be sufficient to
maintain the schools all of this and a
part of next year, and I am in a posi-
tion to be correct. I did not
want the levy made, but if other members
did, they should have brought it further
to the attention of the board. It is
evident that every other member
did want the levy made, as when their at-
tention was called to their neglect some of
them have been presented with a dictation
secretary, claiming that he had not kept the
records properly, which claim was abso-
lutely false."

Other Features of the Case.

Wells also had an opportunity of show-
ing another die in the respective ribs of
Messrs. Shubert and Waite on account of the
peculiar spelling and orthography of the
petition presented by Shubert. Wells said
that he did not write the resolu-
tion, but that it was handed to him
by the president. I suppose that the re-
solutions were not corrected, and the nu-
merous errors it contains are the same
as the reason why the old justice did
not correct the spelling on his docket
after he had been presented with a dictation
secretary. "It hasn't got no index," he said,
"it ain't no good no how."

He was further asked that the general
appearance of the resolution indicated
that the writer was more familiar with the
slugs than with educated circles, when
Shubert said:

"I don't believe I am in the slums as much
as you are, brother Wells; one thing is cer-
tain, I never go into a saloon on business but
I find a slug there."

At last the discussion was over and the
report was ordered filed.

"We can shake hands on one thing,
Wells," said Waite. "I'm glad there wasn't
any levy made; I'm d-d glad of it."

A trace having been declared in this terse
but not very bright manner, the board got
down to business of a less exciting nature.

Routine Proceedings.

A petition was presented from seventy-one
property owners in the west part of the city
asking that a proposition be submitted to the
voters at the next election for the appropri-
ation of \$10,000 to erect a school house west
of Twenty-ninth street and north of Broadway.
It was referred to the committee on teachers
with instructions to report at a special meet-
ing to be held next Saturday evening.

The report of Treasurer Wiles showed the
expenses of the past year were as follows:
Teachers' fund..... \$27,044
Contingent fund..... 1,926
School house fund..... 11,943

The following is the estimate of the
probable expenses for next year:
Teachers' fund..... \$48,000
Contingent fund..... 20,000
School house fund..... 10,000

The secretary was instructed to secure
polling places and make up the registry
books for the election.

Superintendent Sawyer reported the total
enrollment for the past year to have been
3,741, as compared with 3,491 of a year ago,
showing an increase of 250.

The attendance is 3,301 as compared with
2,983 of a year ago, an increase of 318.

Mrs. McLean asked that her two daugh-
ters be excused from school each morning in
order that they might receive religious in-
struction elsewhere. Wells moved that the
superintendent be authorized to notify the
lady that to grant her request would be in-

consistent with the spirit of the public
schools. For the first time several friends
he received a second, several members
climbing over one another's necks to get there
first.

The request of a number of high school
students that they be allowed to have mili-
tary drill once or twice a week in one of the
halls of the Washington avenue building
was referred to the committee on educa-
tion, with power to grant it providing the nec-
essary arrangements could be made with the
janitor.

Superintendent Sawyer referred to the
board the matter of excusing pupils from
school for the purpose of taking music les-
sons, and after some discussion it was de-
clared that hereafter no excuses should be
given except after consulting the superin-
tendent.

Member Field then offered a resolution
about as follows:

Resolved, That the chairman of the finance
committee be requested to inform the board by
what authority, when president of the board,
he contracted for the custody of the school
books for a consideration and for a term
longer than the term of office of any member
of this board.

There was no second, but after a pause
Wells said:

"If there is any member of the board will-
ing to second this motion I am willing to
give any information desired. Of course, it
would not be proper for me to tell until the
matter is before the house."

"I'm only on the floor," said Waite.
"I should like to second the motion, for I
should really like to have that matter ex-
plained, Mr. Wells."

"It is perfectly proper, Mr. President,"
replied Wells, "for you to call on me for
information, but I can't long enough for you
to second the motion."

"No, I'm too busy now," replied Waite
hastily. Then Waite called the roll, and the
president's sudden change of mind, and the
board then settled down to the considera-
tion of the bills for the past month, after
which the meeting adjourned.

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rooms, etc., our gas heaters are just
what you want. Look at them. Clean,
convenient, cheap. C. B. Gas and Elec-
tric Light Co.

The Grand Hotel.
Council Bluffs. Most elegant hotel in
Iowa. Dining room on seventh floor.
Rates, \$3 to \$5 per day. E. F. Clark,
Prop.

What is a Columbian tea? For 25
cents you can learn very pleasantly by
visiting the Congregational church parlors
Wednesday evening, 8 to 9 o'clock.

COUNCIL TAKES A HAND.

**Motor Company's Charter of 1880 Declared
Annulled—Speed of Trains Restricted.**

The adjourned meeting of the city council
last evening was devoted to the beginning to
receiving the reports of the finance and other
committees, which were found correct and
approved.

Spencer Smith petitioned to have tax on
some lands in the northeastern part of the
city refunded on the grounds that the prop-
erty was not watered. The council de-
clined, but in future the lands will not be
taxed on a higher assessment than garden
lands.

P. Wind sent in an offer of \$500 for a small
triangular piece of land near his planing
mill belonging to the city. The offer was ac-
cepted.

The city engineer asked to be empowered
to expend \$200 for special repairs to preserve
the main sewer at the corner of Thirtieth
street and Nineteenth avenue. The request
was granted.

The old petition for a bridge across Indian
creek, at the junction of North Main and
Nineteenth streets, was referred to the
committee on bridges, with instructions to
advise for the erection of an iron bridge.

The following judges and clerks of election
were appointed:

First Ward—First precinct: Judges, R. T.
Bryant, John Aton, Fred Geise; clerks, R. S.
Kawlin, J. M. McPherson, C. B. Haly, S. B.
Spencer, John C. H. Haly, S. B. Spence,
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Second Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Third Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Fourth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Fifth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Sixth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Seventh Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Eighth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Ninth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Tenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Eleventh Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twelfth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Thirteenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Fourteenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Fifteenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Sixteenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Seventeenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Eighteenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Nineteenth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twentieth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-first Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-second Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-third Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-fourth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-fifth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-sixth Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

Twenty-seventh Ward—First precinct: Judges, C. H.
Gilliland, M. J. Morris; second precinct:
Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris; sec-
ond precinct: Judges, C. H. Gilliland, M. J. Morris.

THOMPSON GIVES EVIDENCE

**Explanations from the Ex-Secretary of His
Connection with the Canal Frauds.**

PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE

**He Maintained That It Was for Purely Le-
gitimate Work and That No Money
Had Been Used for Purposes
of Bribery.**

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 20.—The Panama
congressional investigating committee ar-
rived this morning and began to take the
evidence of Ex-Secretary of the Navy Thomp-
son in private.

The ex-secretary at first detailed the cir-
cumstances of his resignation, saying it was
publicly known, and he had met no opposition
from President Hayes. The first offer of
American chairmanship was made to him
by Jesse W. Seligman and not accepted
until after a full conference with his friends
and the president and a determination on
his part that there was nothing in it
initially to the interests of the
United States. He denied that the
Hayes administration was opposed to
the canal, but said it did want it under
American control. He had an idea when
he accepted the chairmanship of American-
izing the affair and even promised to de-
seign at one time to get an American con-
struction company to build it. The entire
administration, so far as he knew, of the
affairs of the canal, was in the hands of
the committee, whose members were on
strictest business principles.

Colonel Thompson denied that the Panama
Canal company had a lobby at Washington
to procure favorable legislation for the
Panama canal or to fight the Nicaragua
people, and he said he kept clear of lobbyists
and that there was no improper ex-
penditure of money so far as he was aware.

Colonel Thompson said that when the
Nicaragua treaty was before the senate
he did not write a pamphlet, as it is stated
that he did, but a large expenditure of
money, which he placed in the hands of all the
senators. Senator Voorhees only knew he
wrote it. He did not sign his name to it, be-
cause he did not want the Panama canal an-
tagonized, so he had it appear anonymously.
The senate defeated the treaty.

He did not know what the duties of the
three hearing houses, whose representatives
were members with him of the American
committee were, and he was as much sur-
prised as the committee when he learned
within a week that the three had been
getting \$50,000 a year, or twice his own sal-
ary, for their services in this country.

The committee dealt with a letter
press copy of all correspondence between
Thompson and de Lesseps and witness was
asked to explain a number of letters. One
from de Lesseps to Thompson, dated Jan-
uary, 1885, said: "It is difficult to convey
to you a full understanding of how we
have conducted this contest, and we must
be very candid."

Congressman Storer of Ohio read from a
letter in which the colonel told de Lesseps
that he had written a pamphlet, as it is stated
that he did, but a large expenditure of
money for materials in this country would
help to popularize the canal, which belief he
emphasized today.

In another letter he referred to "overcom-
ing difficulties." This, he said, meant such
difficulties as the Nicaragua people were re-
sponsible for, but that nothing but legitimate
means were used in doing so. He declared
that any money had been spent with his
knowledge to influence newspapers.

SOUTH OMAHA AFFAIRS.

**Mayor Walters and Councilman Wood Have
a Spat.**

All the councilmen were present at the
meeting last night, Acting Mayor Walters
presiding.

A communication from Thomas Hector,
city treasurer, called attention to a clerical
error whereby the valuation of a certain
tract of land of eighteen acres east of Al-
bright appeared to be \$9,125, whereas it
should be \$912.50, and of a certain lot which
should be changed from \$5,500 to \$5,500. He
was instructed to make the corrections.

J. H. Hopkins complained of a cesspool
on Twenty-seventh street. He did not ob-
ject to the pool, but he wanted it big enough
to avoid an overflow.

Secretary Funtun of the school board re-
quested a fire plug placed in the Third ward.
Referred.

Treasurer Hector reported that South
Omaha would get the full mill levy for
road fund, amounting to about \$4,500, to be
paid over as fast as collected.

Councilman Wood broke the monotony by
asking the mayor to place in the city
gambling houses were running wild open
in defiance of a resolution unanimously adopted
September 26, 1892, ordering them closed.

Mayor Walters seemed inclined to ob-
ject, but Mr. Wood insisted that Walters was the
executive